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**Air Pollution
Meet Is Urged**

HELENA (UPI) —Two State senators championing air pollution control in Montana have extended their requests for a federal conference to cover new locations mentioned by a phosphate firm president.

Sens. Elmer Flynn, D-Missoula and John (Luke) McKeon, D-Anaconda, put in their second air pollution resolution Tuesday. This one would ask the governor to request the secretary of health, education and welfare to call a conference on the reported air pollution in the vicinities of Columbia Falls, Silver Bow and Drummond.

An earlier resolution sought a conference just for Drummond, the site of the plant of the controversial Rocky Mountain Phosphate, Inc.

The two senators seek to have Bryce Rhodes, president of Rocky Mountain, appear before the Legislature to produce supporting evidence on which he based his "allegations" of other sites emitting fluoride. He had named the Anaconda Co. Aluminum plant Columbia Falls, Stauffer Chemical Co. at Silver Bow and Consolidated Mining and Smelting Co. at Garrison as spewing out fluoride.

If air pollution is found to be a problem in these areas, Flynn and McKeon said, then the conference should be called. They said the state should investigate the problem at these sites.